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## INQUEST OVER YOUNG GIRL BURNED TO DEATH IN FACTORY FIRE POSTPONED

*Testimony Will Show That Girl Could Have Saved  
Herself if Building Laws Had Been Com-  
plied With By Owners.*

The inquest over Anna Em-  
roth, who was burned to death in  
the fire that destroyed the T. G.  
Riordan factory at 2010 West  
Kinzie street, was postponed in-  
definitely this morning.

The postponement was taken  
because Martha Shanlin, of 2068  
State street, and Bertha Servatis,  
of 1324 West Fifteenth street, are  
still in the county hospital suf-  
fering from serious injuries.  
Their testimony is wanted.

Sensational testimony will be  
brought out at the inquest.  
Firemen of Company 7 will swear  
that the dead girl was found lying  
against a door on the ground floor  
of the building, and that this door  
opened inward instead of out-  
ward, as required by Section 15  
of the health comfort and safety  
law of the state.

One fireman today told a Day

Book reporter that if the door  
had opened outward as required  
by law, the girl would have been  
able to make her escape from the  
burning building.

An investigation is probable in-  
to the trick by which it is said a  
number of manufacturers have  
been evading the city ordinance  
in regard to fire appliances in  
factory buildings.

This ordinance calls for fire  
escapes on all buildings three or  
more stories high. The Riordan  
factory really was three stories  
high. But the first story was  
dropped about two feet below the  
level of the sidewalk, and was  
called a basement.

By this trick, which is said to  
be a common one with manufac-  
turers, the Riordan company was  
able to get out of providing fire  
escapes and the iron work called  
for in the ordinance regarding  
buildings three stories or more in  
height.